

M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 15, 1977

The regular meeting of the County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney. Invocation by Rev. Sinclair Lewis. Councilmen present: Bailes, Cox, Crain, Herring, Frady, Thomas and Ables. Councilman Moore was absent.

Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Herring seconded, and it was carried to approve minutes of the March 1st meeting as furnished.

Bunyon Black, Civil Defense Director, presented an inventory appraisal for equipment Council had previously agreed to purchase from Tri City Rescue Squad. The agreement between County Council, Civil Defense and Tri City calls for the County to own the equipment and Tri City to furnish the building. The inventory appraisal was \$13,713.25 and was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Bailes, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried. Payment for this equipment to be made when building construction has begun.

John Little, Chairman of PRT Commission, requested some \$1,500 to \$1,800 at this time for foundation materials for the PRT Director's residence at South Cove Park being constructed by Vocational Students. Mr. Little said it now looks like the funds appropriated for the putt-putt golf course at Chau Ram will not be used and these funds could be transferred to cover this request. Total cost of the building will be approximately \$15,000. Balance of funds needed for this project will be included in the 1977-78 budget. Mr. Herring moved to grant this request and not to limit the amount at this time to the requested amounts in case more funds are needed. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and it was passed.

Ordinance #77-2 pertaining to mobile home registration was passed on 1st reading upon a motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Bailes. The vote 7 for and 0 against. Section 4 of this Ordinance sets the fee for late registration at \$1.00 and a late charge of \$5.00 for each 30 day period elapsing after February 28th.

Mr. Jim Wells of Freeman, Wells and Majors Architect Firm presented revised plans for the construction of a new library. The plans previously drawn for the Walhalla Elementary School site were revised for a site facing South Broad Street owned by W. L. Norton as a possible exchange for property that has already been given for a new library by Mr. Norton. Council is hopeful that federal funding can be obtained if plans and property are available. Mr. Wells agreed to proceed with the plans and application for funds for the sum of \$19,000. Chairman Phinney appointed the following as a committee to study this : Messrs: Bailes, Thomas, Herring and Ables.

County Attorney Fedder presented a Mutual Release Agreement between Oconee County and American Air Surveys (the company originally contracted to do the tax reassessment program). Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded and the motion was carried with all in favor.

Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to adopt on first reading Ordinance #77-3 specifying that Anti Recession Funds be used for the CCS Commission to continue their services to the county citizens. The vote 7 for and 0 against.

It was announced by Mr. Ables that COG has agreed to conduct the study on the County Council Districts and possible re-districting. Mr. Ables then moved to include in the new budget funds to COG at 32½ per captia. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was passed.

Mr. Thomas announced that the number two Communication Station at Long Mountain was stolen and Council discussed ways in which to insure tighter security on this equipment. It is not known at this time the cost to replace this station.

Mr. Crain, as Chairman of the Roads and Transportation Committee, requested Council's assistance for a county wide paving program continuing with the present formula.

The following transfer of funds were approved upon a motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Ables and carried:

DEPT.	FROM	AMT.	TO	AMT.
57	1703L	\$ 653.00	8500L	\$ 653.00
58	2501L	400.00	1801L	400.00
20	7400L	684.33	1701L	684.33
09	2302L	3265.60	2401L	3265.60

Mr. Thomas suggested transfers such as the above be signed by the Committee Chairman of the Department plus 2 other members of Council.

Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried, to approve Judge Cureton's request for \$1650.00 for temporary clerk, June Blair, in his department for the months of April, May and June.

County Attorney Jerry Fedder discussed with Council the new court system effective July 1, 1977. With this new system the County Judge will hear family court cases only. Council Members agreed to give consideration to a possible resolution requesting that these Judges be allowed to handle other cases. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Thomas moved to install a pay telephone at the side entrance near the Probate Judge's Office. Mr. Ables seconded and the motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.